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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS DEESE AND APPOINTS WHITE TO COUNCIL FOR WOMEN

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **Bobbie J. Deese** of Hillsborough and appointed **Joanne W. White** of Greensboro to the North Carolina Council for Women.

Deese is a job coach with Work First Employment Services in the Orange County Department of Social Services. She is a member of the North Carolina Social Service Association. Deese received her Bachelor's degree in early childhood development with a concentration in psychology from Appalachian State University.

White is a retired realtor. She is a former member of the Mt. Pleasant Election Commission in South Carolina and is a former member of the Greensboro City Council. White attended UNC at Chapel Hill.

The council advises the Governor, the principal state departments and the state legislature concerning the education and employment of women in the state of North Carolina. The council also advises the secretary of Administration upon any matter the secretary may refer to it and establishes programs for the assistance of displaced homemakers. The council has 20 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints all members.

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